

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 18 May 53 18/1535Z	2. LOCATION Abadan, Iran
3. SOURCE Civilians	10. CONCLUSION Astronomical (METEOR)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Circular shaped object flying at very high altitude. Circumference greater than the moon. Appeared in NW and disappeared in NE. Duration reported as 20 minutes. Had a cometlike tail. Could not have been a rocket because no smoke was trailing. COMMENTS: Likely there is an error in the duration reported. Description of the object as having a comet-like tail and comparison with rocket indicates a much greater speed than would be associated with an object viewed for 20 minutes. Description of the object and the many observers indicates a meteor observation. Duration considered to be in error.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE NE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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DTG TWO ZERO MIN NORTH CMA FOUR EIGHT DTG ONE SIX MIN EAST AT ONE EIGHT
ZERO FIVE LOCAL TIME ONE EIGHT MAY FIVE THREE CMA BRILLIANT CIRCULAR
OBJECT WITH COMET LIKE TAIL MOVING AT GREAT SPEED APPEARED NORTHWEST
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1. Tehran newspapers reported that on 18 May 53 at 1805 local time (1535Z) at Abadan, 30°20'N-48°16'E, an unidentified flying object was seen by most of the population.
2. The object was circular in shape and flew at a very high altitude. Observers stated that the altitude seemed to be equal to the moon, with the circumference greater than that of the moon. The object, called a flying saucer by the Tehran press appeared in the northwest, flew on a northeasterly course and disappeared after 20 minutes. One paper reported that the object had a comet-like tail, another paper quoted NIOC personnel as saying that it was not a rocket because there was no smoke following it.
3. At present no reports have been received of the object from other cities in Khuzistan.

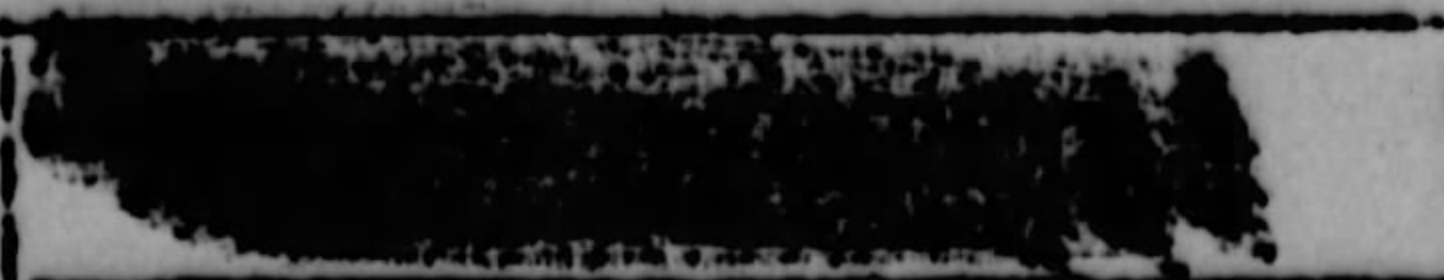
ATIC COMMENT: Insufficient data, perhaps caused by meteorological activity.

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Date: 18 May

L.C.T.: 6:05 pm

Location: Abadan, Tehran

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REMARKS:

Daytime fireball complete with trail

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McMillin Observatory
22 June 1953

1st Lt. Robert Olsson
ATIC - Wright-Patterson AFB

Dear Lt. Olsson;

Here are the comments on the recent batch of material. A few cases are certainly of considerable interest. Over all, in this batch, Venus counts for only one: 28 January, Stuttgart. Fireballs most probably account for 4 cases; balloons for four and aircraft for three.

Coming to the interesting cases: the Korean 20 April should certainly be followed up. This comes very close to being a security-Intelligence matter. I'd certainly like to get more information on this. How about sending a few Form A's to Korea. Actually, this should have been investigated on the spot by Intelligence officers.

Pepperell AFB 2 May: This has some similarities to the old Gorman case. Much fuller report needed and Form A filled out on this.

San Antonio 7 May: This has many similarities to the Lubbock Lights and Form A should certainly be sent if this has not already been done.

Finally, a Form A for the 29 April Syracuse stationary-disc sighting would help.

The Miami 20 May green light sighting might have been jets but with the green light sighting, jets should have been traveling north instead of south in order for observer to see green navigation light. 2 second time interval also seems too fast. I hope that you can eventually send me more information on these: 20 April Korea; 2 May Pepperell; 7 May San Antonio.

I am enclosing my version of a report on our recent trip with which I hope you will concur.

And keep 'em coming. It's easier to handle a few at a time and frequently than a larger batch at longer intervals.

Jennie send her regards.